GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PROMOTION OF HOLISTIC MEDICINE TREATMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the concept of holistic medicine is gaining ground in the preventive as well as curative systems of treatment;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce a scheme to promote the holistic medicine treatment ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d): Holistic medicine is the same as integrated medicine and is defined as a system of health care which takes care of a person in totality through means leading towards optimal attainment of physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of health. The indigenous systems of medicine which include Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and drugless therapy of Yoga and Naturopathy work through holistic approach. Government of India has laid down a separate national policy for development of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy and through the Department of AYUSH has been implementing a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes since 9th Plan period.